

Southwest (3) Regional Education Planning Committee Microsoft Teams

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July 17th, 2020 - 10:00 am

AGENDA

The following members are participating remotely using the Microsoft Teams teleconferencing platform: Brad Lancaster, Beth Malone, Dan McLeod, JenaLu Simpson, Robert Stewart, Rachel Talley, Scott Tanner, Tyler Walters

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introductions and Announcements
- IV. Approval of Minutes February 20th, 2019
- V. Business
 - A. Discussion, consideration, possible action and vote to approve Board Member rotation process for recommendation to the RTAB Chair Brad Lancaster
- VI. New Business

(For matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting)

- VII. Next Meeting
 - A. Regional Education Planning Committee August 6th, 2020 – 9:00 am
 - B. Regional Trauma Advisory Board August 6th, 2020 – 10:30 am
 - C. Quality Improvement Committee September 3rd, 2020 – 11:00 am
- VIII. Adjournment



Southwest (3) Regional Education Planning Committee Great Plains Technology Center 4500 Southwest Lee Boulevard Lawton, OK 73505 February 20th, 2020 – 9:00 am

MINUTES

The meeting notice was filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State on February 7th, 2020 at 1:53 pm. The meeting notice/agenda was physically posted at the Oklahoma State Department of Health Central Office, 1000 Northeast 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73117 and the Oklahoma State Department of Health website for the Region 3 RTAB on Friday, February 14th, 2020. Meeting notice was also placed at the Great Plains Technology Center Conference Room, 4500 Southwest Lee Boulevard, Lawton, OK 73505.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brad Lancaster at 9:05 am.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brad Lancaster, Beth Malone, Dan McLeod, Bob Stewart, Rachel Talley, Scott Tanner, and Tyler Walters. JenaLu Simpson was absent.

III. Introductions and Announcements

Jennifer Woodrow introduced Jamie Lee as the Region 3 Quality and Survey Analyst.

IV. Approval of Minutes – October 3rd, 2019

A motion to approve the October 3rd, 2019 minutes as written was made by Bob Stewart and seconded by Tyler Walters. There was no discussion and the motion passed 7-0.

V. Reports

A. Interfacility Working Group report

Dan McLeod reported that progress had initially been delayed due to obligations within his agency. Currently the group is working to gain insight from Region 3 EMS services to include Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service, Murray County EMS, Johnston County EMS, Marshall County EMS, Air Evac Ardmore and one hospital system, Mercy Hospital Ardmore. Dr. Phillip Sloan has joined the group and will be a huge benefit bringing insight from his almost 30 years of service which now includes service to both Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service and SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital – Oklahoma City ambulance service. Mr. McLeod noted that a good discussion occurred at the RTAB Leadership between EMS and Hospital providers. Points of discussion included where the friction points are occurring during interfacility transfers and what is deemed detrimental to EMS and Hospitals during this process. Other points of discussion between Committee members included the following:

- Each region and EMS system will have their own personal perspective to addressing interfacility transfers because most services depend on the revenue from the transfers but some services feel the transfers are becoming detrimental to their 911 system.
- Transferring patients to hospitals based upon affiliation rather than capability is increasing strain on EMS systems and personnel and may lead to overutilization of transport by Air EMS.
- Rural and midlevel practitioners are placing patients at hospitals who auto accept patients rather than wait for acceptance from the closest most appropriate facility.
- Transfers are being requested for patients that do not require immediate care and may not receive treatment until the following day. Transfers should be triaged and requested in a more controlled manner.



Knowing what capabilities are closest and utilizing those capabilities is beneficial to all.
 An education piece should provide the capabilities of surrounding hospitals to include southern out of state resources.

Jenifer Woodrow noted that issues regarding interfacility transfers are being discussed in the OTERAC Rules and Regulations and Systems Improvement and Development workgroups. The workgroups were made aware of the work being done in Region 3 and hopefully information and resources can be shared between all groups to help solve the problem. Ms. Woodrow suggested that members begin to submit QI referrals for any system issue regarding interfacilty transfers to the Region 3 QI Committee. Jamie Lee gave a brief overview of the QI process once referrals are received and systems issues are found. Ms. Woodrow also suggested that the trauma plan be reviewed to ensure destination guidelines reflect out of state resources. Chair Brad Lancaster requested members and the working group formalize goals for both hospitals and EMS agencies and what they would like to see accomplished in order to begin drafting an outline.

VI. Business

- B. Review of attendance email with possible vote to approve Committee members reviewed the proposed email and Region 3 Bylaws regarding attendance. Members discussed amending existing bylaws to allow absences to be excused prior to removal of appointed representatives and RTAB members from the Board. Proposed amendments will be brought to the next meeting for approval. Members then discussed sending another letter to the postal address of a facility for an excused absence in the event of a second absence and if the letter would be addressed from an OSDH or REPC representative. Hospital and EMS rules related to RTAB participation requirements were discussed. Members agreed the Region 3 RTAB Coordinator should send the following in an email with an attached RTAB Authorized Representative Form to any member organization after the first unexcused absence: You are receiving this email because your facility has not met the attendance requirements set forth by the Southwest Regional Trauma Advisory Board Bylaws. Because the current representative authorized by your facility has not met attendance requirements as set forth by the Board, your representative has been removed from the Board and will need to appoint a new member to take their place. To appoint a new member, please complete and return the attached RTAB Authorized Representative Form to esystems@health.ok.gov or fax to 405-271-4240. Please note that any member organization that subsequently fails to ensure participation by their representative may be reported to both the Oklahoma Trauma System Improvement and
- C. Review current RTAB member attendance for discussion and possible vote to approve recommendation to RTAB Chair for State licensure action Members reviewed RTAB attendance with no recommendation made for State licensure action and the need to ensure failure of participation notices be sent to all appointed representatives and the organization's leadership. Members requested that the attendance sheet reflect excused absences. Jennifer Woodrow noted that current authorized forms are requested on the RTAB sign in sheet if needed and excused absences will be noted with an asterisks on future attendance sheets.

Development Advisory Council (OTERAC) and the member organization's licensing authority.

- To ensure documentation regarding excused absences is maintained, members requested bylaws be amended so that notification of a missed meeting be submitted to both the RTAB Chair and OSDH. Bylaws will be amended and brought to the next meeting for approval. The suggestion was made that the RTAB Chair state if an absence is excused during roll call in order for that absence to be reflected in the minutes. The Committee identified a possible problem of acknowledgement of attendance by someone other than the RTAB Member's authorized representative during roll call and documented on the RTAB sign in sheet.
- D. Review and possible vote to approve amended Region 3 Trauma Plan At the request of the Committee, Jennifer Woodrow clarified that Grady EMS District is a 522 district and not a licensed EMS agency, therefore, not included as an EMS provider. However, Grady EMS District is an interested party and approved by the RTAB as a general member.



- E. Discussion, consideration, possible action and vote to approve amended Region 3 Bylaws as follows:
 - F. Vacancies and request or recommendations for committee membership
 - i. Notice of a vacancy, new request, or recommendations for committee membership shall be distributed to Board members at least ten (10) days prior to a scheduled meeting by written or verbal communication.
 - ii. Volunteers/recommendations or nominations to fill the vacancy in membership or new requests for membership on this committee shall be accepted and voted on at the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

Jennifer Woodrow presented the proposed Bylaw language and clarified the draft bylaws apply only to the Quality Improvement Committee and do not apply to any other standing committee, including the REPC.

A motion to approve Business items B, D, and E as described was made by Bob Stewart and seconded by Tyler Walters. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 7-0.

- F. 2021 trauma system goals discussion
 - Brad Lancaster discussed the following two goals to be voted on for approval at the RTAB and asked the Committee for recommendations on possible additional goals.
 - Decrease the number of Priority 1 patients transported by ambulance services to a Level III or Level IV Trauma Center by 3% by the end of the calendar year
 - Decrease the statewide average length of stay at Level III and Level IV Trauma Centers for patients having an ISS of ≥16 by 3% by the end of calendar year 2021

The Committee discussed recommending the addition of the following goals:

- Maintain 75% compliance rate on EMResource drills and surveys
- Increase OTEP Training with specific goals to be determined by RTAB
- A. AHA Rural EMS Stroke Triage Algorithm discussion
 - The Severity-Based Stroke Triage Guideline Algorithm for Rural EMS was presented to the Committee for review and discussion. Jenifer Woodrow noted the proposed algorithm was approved on January 31st, 2020 by OSSAC and requested members review and submit suggestion for improvement before the algorithm is presented to OTERAC for final approval.
- B. Discussion on defining a process to determine Board Member rotation
 Jennifer Woodrow presented the original and current Board Member rotations included in the
 member packet noting that the rotations need to be updated with certain issues needing to be
 addressed such as language regarding permanent board members, removal of permanent board
 members due to attendance, and corporations holding multiple licenses. A draft Board rotation is
 needed before the third quarter RTAB in order to propose and vote to approve 2021 Board
 members. Chair Brad Lancaster called for a special meeting to address the rotation discussion
 and requested members email Jennifer Woodrow possible meeting dates.
- C. EMResource divert time discussion Jennifer Woodrow discussed a discrepancy between the divert time found in the EMResource manual and how long a facility is actually allowed to remain on divert status. The manual states the divert time to be two hours with EMResource allowing for only one hour. Members noted that one hour may not be enough time to fix the problems that caused the divert and emergencies can override a divert. All members agreed to recommend to the EMResource Work group that divert status match the manual and be allowed for two hours.

VII. New Business

There was no new business.

VIII.Next Meeting

A. Regional Trauma Advisory Board Great Plains Technology Center 4500 Southwest Lee Boulevard Lawton, OK 73505 February 20th, 2020 – 10:30 am



- B. Quality Improvement Committee Comanche County Memorial Hospital 3401 West Gore Boulevard Lawton, OK 73505 March 5th, 2020 – 11:00 am
- C. Regional Education Planning Committee Great Plains Technology Center 4500 Southwest Lee Boulevard Lawton, OK 73505 April 7th, 2020 – 9:00 am

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan McLeod and seconded by Beth Malone. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 am.

Approved

Brad Lancaster, Chair Southwest (3) Regional Education Planning Committee August 6th, 2020

Southwest Regional Trauma Board Rotation Hospitals

2019

Board Rotation Provider Classification Level Rotation Year Group #1 Comanche County Hospital Р Ш **Duncan Regional Hospital** Р Ш **Grady Memorial Hospital** Р Ш Mercy Hospital - Ardmore Р Ш Southwestern Medical Center Р Ш Ρ Mercy Hospital - Ada Ш Group #2 Arbuckle Memorial Hospital 4 IV 2017 Carnegie Tri-County Munincipal Hospital 5 2018 ΙV Elkview General Hospital 1 IV 2019 Harmon Memorial Hospital 2 IV 2020 Mercy Hospital Healdton 3 ΙV 2021 Group #3 Jackson County Mem. Hospital 5 ΙV 2021 Jefferson County Hospital 3 ΙV 2019 ΙV Mercy Hospital Tishomingo 1 2017 **Quartz Mountain Medical Center** IV 2018 2 2020 Memorial Hospital & Physicians Group 4 IV Group #4 Lindsay Munincipal Hospital ΙV 2020 Mercy Health - Love County 2 ΙV 2017 Pauls Valley General Hospital 3 ΙV 2018 The Physicians Hospital of Anadarko 4 IV 2019

Ambulance Services

	Board Rotation	2006 Run Volume	Rotation Year
Group #1			
Comanche County Memorial Ambulance	Р	5953	
Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service	Р	5678	
Kirks Ambulance	Р	4830	
Mercy Hospital - Ada - EMS	Р	4187	
Am. Medical Response (Duncan, Marlow)	Р	2991	
Chickasha Fire Department EMS	Р	2661	
Group #2			
Anadarko Fire Department EMS	5	938	2021
Jackson County EMS	9	2301	2016
Johnston County EMS	4	1132	2020
Lindsay EMS	6	880	2013
Mercy Health - Love County EMS	3	722	2019
Murray County EMS	1	1798	2017
Pauls valley Ambulance	2	1759	2018
Sinor EMS (Hobart)	8	713	2015
Tuttle EMS	7	750	2014
Group #3 Apache Ambulance	6	308	2021
Carnegie Tri-County Mun. Hosp. EMS	4	574	2020
Chickasaw Nation EMS	2	610	2022
Reynolds Army Base	5	0.0	2017
Greer County Special Ambulance	1	636	2018
Rush Springs EMS	8	307	2015
Stratford Ambulance	7	294	2014
Tillman County EMS	3	649	2019
Medic West	9		2016
Group #4			
Eldorado EMS	7	30	2015
Elmore City EMS	2	141	2018
Grandfield Ambulance	4	222	2020
Southwest Oklahoma Ambulance Auth.	1	267	2017
Velma	3	168	2019
Waurika Ambulance	6	288	2021
Group #5			
Air Evac Lifeteam	1	688	2020
MediFlight	2		2018
Survival Flight	3		2019

Oklahoma State Department of Health Provider Listing: Region 3 Southwest

Southy	west Region	al Rotation				
						Members per rotation
Reg 3		Hospitals 10		nanent m		7
			+	5 yr rotat		3
		EMS 10		nanent m		6
		A ·		9 yr rotati		3
		Air		2 yr rotatio	n	1
		50/50	Total			20
	Rotation on Board	Name	Region	Туре	County	
		Southwest Region (3)				Hospital Classification Level
		Hospitals:		0140		
1		Comanche County Memorial Hospital	3	GMS	Comanche	III
2		Duncan Regional Hospital, Inc.	3	GMS	Stephens	III
3		Grady Memorial Hospital	3	GMS	Grady	III
4		Jackson County Memorial Hospital	3	GMS	Jackson	III
5		Mercy Memorial Health Center, Inc.	3	GMS	Carter	III
6		Southwestern Medical Center	3	GMS	Comanche	III
7	Р	Valley View Regional Hospital	3	GMS	Pontotoc	III
1	1	Arbuckle Memorial Hospital	3	GMS	Murray	IV
2		Carnegie Tri-County Municipal Hospital	3	GMS	Caddo	IV
3		Elkview General Hospital	3	GMS	Kiowa	IV
4		Harmon Memorial Hospital	3	CAH	Harmon	IV
5		Healdton Municipal Hospital	3	CAH	Carter	IV
6		Jefferson County Hospital	3	CAH	Jefferson	IV
7		Johnston Memorial Hospital	3	CAH	Johnston	IV
8		Mangum City Hospital	3	GMS	Greer	IV
9		Memorial Hospital & Physician Group	3	GMS	Tillman	IV
10		Mercy Health - Love County	3	CAH	Love	IV
11		Pauls Valley General Hospital	3	GMS	Garvin	IV
12		The Physicians Hospital in Anadarko	3	CAH	Caddo	IV
13		Jim Taliaferro Community Mental Health Center	3	PSYCH	Caddo	NC
14			3	GMS		NC
15		Lindsay Municipal Hospital Rolling Hills Hospital	3	PSYCH	Garvin Pontotoc	NC
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		EMS Agencies				Volume
1	Р	Southern Okla. Ambulance Service	3	EMT-P	Carter	5535
2		Kirks Ambulance	3	EMT-P	Comanche	4897
3		Comanche County Memorial Ambulance	3	EMT-P	Comanche	4627
4		Valley View Regional EMS	3	EMT-P	Pontotoc	4228
5		American Medical Response (Duncan, Marlow)	3	EMT-P	Stephens	3602
6		Jackson County EMS	3	EMT-I	Jackson	2630
1	1	Chickasha Fire Departmemt EMS	3	EMT-I	Grady	2585
2		Murray County EMS	3	EMT-P	Murray	1759
3		Pauls Valley Ambulance	3	EMT-B	Garvin	1669
4		Mercy Health - Love County EMS	3	EMT-P		1160
					Love	+
5	5	Johnston County EMS	3	EMT-B	Johnston addo & Comano	1025

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7	7	Anadarko Fire Department EMS	3	EMT-I	Caddo	938
8		Lindsay EMS	3	EMT-B	Garvin	799
9		Sinor EMS (Hobart)	3	EMT-I	Kiowa	750
10	1	Tuttle EMS	3	EMT-I	Grady	750
11	2	Greer Co. Spec. Ambulance	3	EMT-I	Greer	653
12	3	Chickasaw Nation EMS	3	EMT-B	Pontotoc	593
13	4	Tillman County EMS	3	EMT-I	Tillman	535
14	5	Carnegie Tri Co. Mun. Hosp EMS	3	ЕМТ-В	Caddo	522
15	6	Walters Volunteer Ambulance	3	ЕМТ-В	Cotton	430
16	7	Kiowa County District 3 EMS	3	ЕМТ-В	Kiowa	417
17	8	Waurika Ambulance	3	EMT-B	Jefferson	377
18	9	Stratford Ambulance	3	EMT-B	Garvin	354
19	1	Rush Springs EMS	3	ЕМТ-В	Grady	325
20	2	Southwest Okla. Ambulance Auth	3	ЕМТ-В	Harmon	290
21	3	Apache Ambulance	3	ЕМТ-В	Caddo	258
22	4	Elmore City EMS	3	ЕМТ-В	Garvin	193
23	5	VELMA -				142
24	6	Grandfield Ambulance	3	ЕМТ-В	Tillman	137
25	7	Mountain View Gotebo Ambulance	3	ЕМТ-В	Kiowa	86
26	8	Eldorado EMS	3	ЕМТ-В	Jackson	31
27	9	Lone Wolf Community Ambulance	3	EMT-B	Kiowa	18
1	1	Air Evac Lifeteam (Lawton, Pauls Valley, Wichita	3	EMT-P	Comanche	865
2	2	Southwest Helicopters			oos	

Member	Classification	Column1
Air Evac Lifeteam - Ada	Air	
Air Evac Lifeteam - Altus	Air	
Air Evac Lifeteam - Ardmore Air Evac Lifeteam - Decatur. TX	Air Air	
Air Evac Lifeteam - Decatur, 17	Air	
Air Evac Lifeteam - Wichita Falls	Air	
Apollo MedFlight	Air	
CareFlite	Air	
Survival Flight Inc.	Air	
American Medical Response - Duncan	EMS	
American Medical Response - Marlow	EMS	
Anadarko Fire Department EMS	EMS	
Apache Ambulance	EMS	
Carnegie EMS	EMS	
Chickasaw Nation EMS	EMS	
Chickasha Fire Department/EMS	EMS	
Comanche County Memorial Hospital EMS	EMS EMS	
Elmore City EMS Grady EMS District	EMS	
Grandfield Ambulance	EMS	
Greer County Special Ambulance Service District	EMS	
lackson County EMS	EMS	
Johnston County EMS	EMS	
Kirk's Emergency Service	EMS	
Lindsay EMS	EMS	
Medic West, LLC	EMS	
Mercy Health – Love County EMS	EMS	
Mercy Hospital Ada EMS	EMS	
Murray County EMS	EMS	
Pauls Valley Ambulance Authority	EMS	
Reynolds Army Community Hospital	EMS	
Rush Springs Fire/EMS	EMS	
Sinor EMS (Hobart)	EMS	
Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service	EMS	
Southwest Oklahoma Ambulance Authority Stratford Response Area	EMS EMS	
Tillman County EMS District	EMS	
Tuttle Fire/EMS	EMS	
Velma Community Ambulance	EMS	
Wadleys EMS Inc - Stratford	EMS	
Wadleys EMS Inc (Wynnewood)	EMS	
Waurika EMS	EMS	
Chickasaw Nation Medical Center	Federal	
Lawton Indian Hospital PHS	Federal	
Comanche County Memorial Hospital	Hospital III	
Duncan Regional Hospital, Inc.	Hospital III	
Grady Memorial Hospital Authority	Hospital III	
Mercy Hospital Ada Mercy Hospital Ardmore, Inc	Hospital III	
Arbuckle Memorial Hospital Authority	Hospital III Hospital IV	Critical Access
Carnegie Tri-County Municipal Hospital	Hospital IV	Critical Access
Elkview General Hospital	Hospital IV	Citical Access
Harmon Memorial Hospital	Hospital IV	Critical Access
ackson County Memorial Hospital Authority	Hospital IV	
lefferson County Hospital	Hospital IV	Critical Access
indsay Municipal Hospital	Hospital IV	
Mangum Regional Medical Center	Hospital IV	Critical Access
Mercy Health Love County	Hospital IV	Critical Access
Mercy Hospital Healdton, Inc.	Hospital IV	Critical Access
Mercy Hospital Tishomingo	Hospital IV	Critical Access
Southwestern Medical Center	Hospital IV	
The Physicians' Hospital in Anadarko	Hospital IV	Critical Access
MERC- Lawton	Other	
OSDH-EPRS	Other	
lim Taliaferro Community Mental Health Center	Psychiatric Psychiatric	
Rolling Hills Hospital, LLC	Psychiatric	

Ground EMS - OKEMSIS	2019 Call #	Air EMS - OKEMSIS	2019 Call #
American Medical Response-Duncan	3,825	AEL 130- Ardmore	429
American Medical Response-Marlow	1,349	AEL 25 - Duncan	260
Anadarko Fire Dept EMS	1,590	AEL 26-ADA	313
Apache Ambulance Service	682	AEL 34-Wichita Falls, TX	28
Carnegie EMS	1,014	AEL 65-67-68, TX - Decatur	92
Chickasaw Nation EMS	1,167	AEL-Altus	144
Chickasha Fire EMS	3,537	Apollo MedFlight-Guymon	1
Comanche Co Mem Hosp EMS	5,301	Apollo MedFlight-TX	1
Elmore City EMS	353	CareFlite	22
Grandfield Ambulance Service	316	Survival Flight - OK	418
Greer Co Special Amb Serv	612		
Jackson County EMS	3,557		
Johnston County Ambulance	1,473		
Kirks Emergency Service	12,441		
Lindsay EMS	1,052		
McClain-Grady County EMS	95		
Medic West, LLC	412		
Mercy Health-Love County EMS	2,160		
Mercy Hospital EMS - Ada	7,770		
Murray County EMS	2,768		
Pauls Valley Ambulance Authority	133		
Reynolds Army Community Hospital EMS	1,214		
Rush Springs EMS	914		
Sinor EMS-Hobart	518		
Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service	7,807		
Southwest Oklahoma Amb Auth	287		
Stratford Response Area	17		
Tillman County EMS District	829		
Tuttle EMS	1,320		
Velma Community Ambulance	98		
Waurika EMS District	627		

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD **BYLAWS**

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is composed of representatives from all of the facilities in the region as well as other interested individuals.

Section I. Responsibilities of the Membership

The Members are expected to attend meetings regularly to provide input on

topics under consideration by the Board.

Section II. Committee Service

Members may serve on committees, work groups and task forces.

Section III. **Attendance Expectations**

> The Members are expected to have 100% attendance every quarter annually. If a Member misses a meeting, they will be reported to their licensure authority for

action.

Section IV. Exceptions involving emergencies may be considered on a case by case basis by a

unanimous vote by the Board.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Representation will rotate between the member organizations in the region based upon the approved rotation schedule (attachment A); but will maintain a ratio of approximately:

> 50% Hospital representative's 50% EMS representatives

Board Membership should be multidisciplinary with broad representatives from the following list of disciplines.

Hospital	Emergency Medical Services
1. Administrator	1. Administrator
2. Business office	2. Non Administrator EMT-B
3. QI practitioner	3. Non Administrator EMT-I
4. Emergency department physician	4. Non Administrator EMT-P
5. Surgeon	5. Business office
6. Trauma nurse coordinator	
7. Trauma registrar	
8. Emergency department nurse	
9. Operating room nurse	
10. Rehabilitation practitioner	
11. Safety officer	

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS

Member organizations will appoint a representative and an alternate to the board but will have only one vote.

Section I. Powers and Responsibilities

The Board members are responsible for overall policy and direction of the RTAB.

Section II. Duties of the Board Members

Board members shall exercise ordinary business judgment in managing the affairs of the organization. In acting in their official capacity as Board Members of this organization, they shall act in good faith and take actions they reasonably believe to be in the best interest of the organization and that are not unlawful. In all other instances, the Board Members shall not take any action that they should reasonably believe would be opposed to the organization's best interests or would be unlawful.

Responsibilities of the Board Members include but are not limited to:

- 1. Conduct the business of the organization.
- 2. Specify the composition of and direct the activities of committees.
- 3. Consider for approval recommendations from committees.
- 4. Cause to be prepared and administer the budget, prepare annual reports of the organization.
- 5. Cause to be prepared grant applications for the organization.
- 6. Approve, execute and/or ratify contracts made in ordinary course of business of the organization.
- 7. Make continuous and regular reviews of RTAB matters and business affairs in order to provide information to general membership.

Section III. Number of Board Members

The Board shall consist of no fewer than nine (9) members and no more than twenty (20) members.

Section IV. Actions of the Board

Each Board Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Board.

A simple majority of the Members present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to constitute action by the Board.

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Section V. Term

The term of the Board Members is one calendar year.

Section VI. Appointments

Board members shall be appointed by the respective member organizations according to the established membership structure and rotation.

Section VII. Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be held in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Meetings of the Board Members shall be held at such times and places as determined by the Board Members. These meetings must be held at least quarterly.

The Board shall not review patient specific information or medical records at these meetings.

Section VIII. Attendance Expectations/Removal of Board Members

1. A Member is automatically removed from the Board if he/she misses a scheduled and posted meeting in any year without arranging for a proxy. In the event a board member is removed due to not meeting the attendance expectations, the agency or facility CEO and or Director will be notified of their representatives' removal from the Board. If the board member believes that they missed a scheduled meeting due to extenuating circumstances, that member shall notify the RTAB Chair and the RTAB Chair will determine if the absence was acceptable.

2. Vacancies

In the event that a Board Member is removed from the board, the effected member organization will be removed from the current rotation and the next provider on the rotation will assume their position. The Chair of the Board will notify both providers of the change.

3. Any member organization that fails to ensure participation by their representative shall be reported to both the *Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council* and the member organization's licensing authority.

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Section IX. Proxies

In the event that a board member or their alternate is unable to attend a board meeting, they may attend a meeting or vote by Proxy. They must prepare and send a statement on their institution's letterhead or by email stating their authorization of a specifically named alternate from their institution to attend the meeting and/or cast a vote on their behalf. The proxy should be transmitted to **both** the *OSDH Trauma Office* and the *RTAB Secretary* at least 24 hours before the posted meeting time. A proxy shall only be valid at the meeting for which it is executed.

Section X. Quorum

A simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

OFFICERS

Section I. The following officers shall be elected from the Board Members: Chair, Vice-chair, and Secretary.

Section II. The same person shall hold no more than one office.

Section III. The term for officers shall be one year.

Section IV. Nominations

Nominations of candidates for office shall occur at least one month prior to the election.

- 1. The candidates shall be Board Members.
- 2. The candidates shall express a willingness to serve.

Section V. Additional Offices

The Board Members may create additional officer positions, define the authority and duties of each such position, and elect persons to fill the position.

Section VI. Attendance Expectations/Removal of Officers

An Officer is automatically removed from office if he/she misses a posted meetings of the scheduled meetings in any year without making arrangements for the alternate or a proxy to attend.

Section VII. Vacancies

A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board for the un-expired portion of the officer's term.